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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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1. EMBASSY ENDORSES EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT INSTITUTE AND GREATLY APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL. WHILE WE ARE AWARE THAT DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FIT INVITATION ACCORDING CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED WE BELIEVE THAT, IN CASE OF GEYPT, THEY ARE NOT BEST PERSONS TO INVITE. BELIEVE INVITATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SCIENCE ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER DR. ABD AL-RAHMAN.

2. OUR JUDGEMENT BASED ON FACT THAT NATIONAL REAEARCH CENTER IS NOT INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, BUT UNDER JURISDICTION OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LITTLE TO DO WITH INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH; INDEED THEY TEND TO FAVOR A PURE SCIENCE APPROACH TO THEIR RESEARCH AND ARE RESISTING ATTEMPTS TO DRAG THEM INTO THE APPLIED RESEARCH ACTIVITES WHICH EGYPT DESPERATELY NEEDS. SCIENCE ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER IS, WE UNDERSTAND, CHARGED TO HELP MAKE LINK BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. IT IS RUMORED THAT HE ALSO MAY BECOME

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NEW HEAD OF NATIONAL ACADEMY MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW ABD AL-RAHMAN WILL FIT INTO SCHEME OF JOINT WORKING GROUP SINCE HE WAS APPOINTED AFTER DELEGATIONS FOR OCTOBER MEETINGS MADE UP; BUT WE ASSUME HE WILL APPEAR IN JWG CONTEXT IN FUTURE.

4. WEPLAN TO THEREFORE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ABD AL-RAHMAN THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION.
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